



# Faith Alive

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May 2, 2007

**Bruce Wilder, Senior Pastor** ♦ **Mike Easton, Associate Pastor** ♦ **David Breidenbach, Assistant Pastor**  
**Sunday Worship Services** ♦ 8:00 am ♦ 9:30 am ♦ 11:00 am

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank each of you who invited your friends to join us on Easter Sunday for worship. Many of those people are now participating in our "Welcome to Faith" seminar for new members because of your efforts. Each and every Sunday is a great time for our entire congregation to ask our classmates, co-workers and neighbors to join us in worship. One recent visitor told me, "I can feel the presence of God in this place." He is right. God is, indeed, in our midst when we worship Him. What takes place in Christian worship is categorically unique. It cannot be reproduced in any other religion, club or institution. Your unchurched and non-Christian friends need what God provides for us in the gifts of our Christ-centered worship and fellowship!



Faith has been blessed with a gift from two of our members who wish to remain anonymous. In addition to their regular offerings to our congregation each week, this couple has stepped forward with a matching gift. They will match, dollar for dollar, every gift that you make towards the purchase of a church bus for our use. They will match our congregation's total gifts up to \$10,000. In other words, if the people of Faith give \$10,000, they will provide an additional \$10,000 for a combined total of \$20,000. Please consider making a special gift in response to this generous offer. Write your checks to "Faith Lutheran Church" with a memo for "Bus Fund."

You may have seen two new faces at the church offices in recent weeks. Pat Orell has joined our staff as Communications Coordinator and Stephanie Doshier is our new Youth Minister for K-5. Please do your part to welcome Pat and Stephanie...and feel free to give them a call or stop by to see them.

Finally, I want to wish all of our graduating high school and college seniors the very best as your various commencement exercises begin taking place this spring. Now that you have gained greater knowledge, I pray that God will help you to continue growing in spiritual wisdom and discernment. As Kirsten and I prepare for the high school graduation of our youngest children, Meredith and Melinda, our prayers will be with all of you parents whose sons and daughters are completing their courses of study.

I hope to see you at Faith this Sunday...and every Sunday!

Love in Christ,

Bruce Wilder  
Senior Pastor

## Member Updates

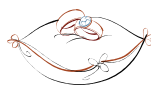


### Baptism

✠ Ryan Jacob Varela, son of Charlotte and Jacob Varela, was baptized on April 22.

### Wedding

✠ Jenny Rosen and Michael Haag were married on April 28.



### 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration!



Please come help us celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of our parents

*Roy and Margaret Haney*

on Sunday, May 20, from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Dyan, Shar, Linda & Chip

*No gifts please.*

## Thank You

❖ Dear Faith Lutheran Church and Staff:

Thank you so much for hosting our choral event this spring. The Valentine dessert was a great success with your help and we really enjoyed using the Sanctuary.

Your staff has been so helpful and supportive. Thanks for being willing to work with these High Schoolers!

With appreciation,  
Eldorado HS Choir Boosters and Choirs

❖ Thank you, members of Faith, for all your cards and prayers during and after the surgery. Special thanks to Pastors Bruce and Mike, and Pam Zimmerman, for your visits.

Thanks! Bob Sedillo

Attendance	8:00	9:30	11:00	Total
Sunday, April 15	137	297	191	625
Sunday School, April 15				99
Wednesday Night Ministries, April 18				171
Sunday, April 22	131	399	176	706
Sunday School, April 22				117
Wednesday Night Ministries, April 25				168

## General Information

### Faith Lutheran Church Columbarium

The Church Council has approved the Rules and Regulations governing Faith's Columbarium and the Columbarium Committee has now begun to sell niches. If you have already reserved a niche, you will have first choice in selecting a niche when you bring your check for \$1,000, and accept and sign the Rules and Regulations.

Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with "Columbarium" written in the memo section.



Purchasing and selecting your niche will continue Sunday, **May 6**, in the Conference Room between services. Remember, it is first-come, first-served in choosing a niche, so the earlier you make your choice the better selection you will have.

Please contact Ron Lohrding at 856-2733 or Ron Christensen at 822-0164 if you have any questions.



### Email Information

*Has your email address changed recently?*

Please let the church office know your new email address so we can update our records. The church would like to begin sending the *Faith Alive* newsletter and other information by email to our members rather than by 'snail' mail, but we need your current information.

To let us know your email address, please send a short message to [faith@faithabq.org](mailto:faith@faithabq.org) so we get your address accurately and promptly. If you have any questions, please call Pat Orell at 296-0762.

### Attention Musicians!

My name is Bryan Gilliland and I am a member here at Faith. I have played the alto saxophone for over eleven years and I am looking to build a small private studio of alto saxophone players. All ages are welcome.


If you love to make music and are interested in taking alto saxophone lessons, please call me at 203-0895. Cost is \$15/half hour or \$25/hour.

Sincerely, Bryan



# Vacation Bible School for 2007:

## Youth Ministry



Be a Son Force Kid!

Be a Special Agent on a Mission for God!  
Learn to decode Joshua 1:9...

June 11-15, 2007 ~ 9:00 am until Noon

For Age Levels: Kindergarten thru 6th Grades  
Preschool (July 11, 13 & 15 only)

Bible Stories | Crafts | Skits | Games | Songs

Registration Fee: \$15 thru May 20; \$20 from May 21 to June 11.  
Register in the Centrum on May 6 and 13.

We need volunteers to help with this "Mission for God."  
Call Dawn Selberg at 296-0762.

### College & Young Adults

The College and Young Adult group will be taking a short break and will start meeting again in June. Check out the youth website ([www.flyouth.com](http://www.flyouth.com)) for more information, or if you have questions, email Jeremy at [jrodriguez@faithabq.org](mailto:jrodriguez@faithabq.org).

### Middle School

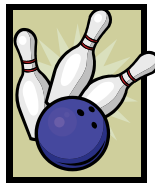
#### Middle School BBQ

On Saturday, **May 19** from 12:00-4:00 pm, all Middle School Youth--*that includes our new 6<sup>th</sup> grade students*--are invited to our annual end-of-school-year BBQ. We will meet on the outdoor patio and in the café area to play some get-to-know-you games, then we'll eat lunch (hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and soda).



After lunch we will carpool over to Holiday Bowl on Lomas for some bowling at the only alley that is smoke free in Albuquerque on Saturday afternoons.

Parents will need to pick their youth up from Holiday Bowl on Lomas at 4:00 pm. We will need drivers to help us carpool over to the bowling alley. The cost of this event is \$20; please sign-up and pay no later than Sunday, **May 6**.



If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact me, Dawn Selberg, at the church at 296-0762 or by e-mail ([dselberg@faithabq.org](mailto:dselberg@faithabq.org)).

### Annual Lutheran Baseball Night

#### Isotopes vs. Beavers

on Friday, May 11, 7:00 pm at  
Isotopes Park.

Tailgate Party at 5:30 pm in the  
stadium parking lot.

Tickets (\$8.50 each) on sale  
in the Centrum on Sunday, May 6.

For more information,  
contact Brian Cochran at 294-5709.



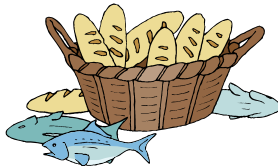
## Undie Sunday!!! Mission in need of... New Underwear!

It's not everyday that you hear a request for an item like this, but the Albuquerque Rescue Mission goes through a lot of new clean underwear. They help men right off of the street clean up, discard their old ragged clothing and help them with clean clothes, and that means they give them new underwear as well. This is the one clothing item that they really would like to have "new" and not used.



That said, they are in real need of sturdy boxers and briefs, sizes 32-42, for men. The next time you're at Wal-Mart or wherever you buy your clothes, please remember to pick up a couple of packages (large sizes are most needed). They can also use some women's undies size S-M.

The Mission & Service Team will collect "undies" **every Sunday in May**. Please place your donations in the marked boxes in the Centrum. Thank you.



## Jesus Fed the 5,000...

Are you aware that The Storehouse provides over **two million meals a**

**year** to the Albuquerque area? Faith Lutheran's role is to furnish the "fish!" Faith is the largest church asked to supply canned tuna for the Storehouse pantry.

When you grocery shop, please remember to buy a few extra cans of tuna as our contribution to Albuquerque's hungry community. Jesus continues to reach out to His people today... through our hands and hearts!



## Submit Project Ideas

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans came into being when Aid Association for Lutherans and Lutheran Brotherhood merged in 2003. Thrivent is a Fortune 500 financial organization which manages billions of dollars and serves over three million members. Services provided by Thrivent include investment services, retirement planning, business strategies, systematic giving such as "Simply Giving", partners with "Habitat for Humanity", and offers to each church a set amount to be used for projects that will benefit its members each year. Thrivent provides Baptismal medallions and Confirmation crosses for our congregation free of charge.

In 2006, Thrivent gave 90% of the funds needed for "Habitat for Humanity" to build a home in Albuquerque for a mother with two children. It offered \$1,600 to Faith Lutheran Church for projects such as buying chairs for and redecorating our Fellowship Hall and helping to buy a refrigerator for our kitchen. Thrivent encourages church members to work together to foster good relations, to get acquainted with other members and to help one another. That is one reason why they request that at least six Thrivent households are represented in working on each project. As many non-members as are willing to help are always welcome.

Ideas for similar projects for 2007 should be submitted to the Congregational Coordinating Committee in writing by **May 15**. Please include the six member household names who will be working with you with your submission.

Faith Lutheran Congregational Coordinators are Anita Austin, Chairman 296-0308, Marcia Pacheco 292-0692, and Duane DeWerff 298-1029.

## Military Support Ministry Team



These military personnel are family and friends for whom you wish prayers. Please call the church office to add (x) or delete names.



James Beakley  
Matt Borst x  
Andrew Brabson  
John Cawthorne  
Tyler Donnell  
Chris Donnelly  
August Dudley

Ben Dufay  
Ryan Fenn  
Linda Field  
Tabitha Golden  
Jonathan Hamilton  
James Hansen  
Chris Hinnerichs

Gary Hogan  
Chap. Rick Koch  
Adam Lawrence  
Dennis G. Long  
Thomas Nagy  
Mort Packer  
Brian Peters

Charles Schneider  
Gregg Silva  
Jerry Simmons  
James Zurzolo

This team needs a leader and some additional team members to send 'goody' packages to those on our prayer list (see the box to the left on this page).

Search your heart, pray, and contact Kirsten Wilder at 296-0762 if you would like to join this ministry.

**We Need YOU!**



## Keenagers

Join us on Thursday, **May 24**, for a catered meal at noon. At 1:00 pm, come to hear Sarah Wyss (one of our teenagers) tell us about her mission trip to Peru. You might remember the delicious cookies and other baked goods she sold last fall to help finance



**Keenagers**

her trip. If you're age 55+, join Keenagers for our monthly get-together. For details, call Bob and Ann Anderson at 896-1265. Please sign up in the Library.

## Women's Brunch

Our next Women's Brunch will be **in the fall**. Have a nice summer!

## WOW (Widows of Wisdom)

Widows of Wisdom will be going out to eat at the Steak & Ale, 4:30 pm, Saturday, May 19. For information and to make reservations, please call our hostess Laura Thurman 298-6181, Diane Boade 299-5743, or Billie Connell 828-1963. Deadline to call for reservations is Wednesday, **May 16**.

## Women's Book Club

Women with a passion for reading are invited to join us at 7:00 pm in the Cry Room the third Tuesday of the month. Our book selection for **May 15** is "Sacred Clowns" by Tony Hillerman. New members are always welcome. Please call Nancy Gwyn at 296- 3190 (h) or 346-4673 (w).



## Women of Purpose ~ May 8

We meet at 7:00 pm the second Tuesday of each month in the Library. For information, contact Delores Corbett at 299-5175.

## Naomi Bible Study

*Come join our new study of "Come Thirsty" by Max Lucado!* There is still time to be included---all ladies of any age who seek to know God more deeply are invited. We began this study on April 12, but you may join anytime. We meet at 9:30 am each Thursday in Room 12. For more information, call Sharon Lanting (299-4044).

## Dinner Out 50+

*A Great Place for Great Food and a Nice Time!*

Come with us to The Cooperage (Rock Room) at 7220 Lomas Blvd NE on Wednesday, **May 9**, at 6:00 pm. We must limit to 30 people, so sign up now! For more information, call your hosts Don & Jan Braman (298-7220).



## Faith Quilters

Every Wednesday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, we meet in Room 4/5. You may come for an hour or two or all afternoon. We can always use filler materials and fabric for tops and bottoms. Please

contact Anita Austin at 296-0308 or Marcia Jacobs at 323-2278.



## Dorcas

### Needlework Group

Love needlework? Join us every other Monday from 9:30-11:30

am in Room 4/5. Please see the schedule in the Library. New members welcome. Call Joyce Wessendorf at 275-1490.

## Men's Breakfast

Come Saturday, **June 9**, at 8:00 am for our next breakfast. Contact Dwayne Knirk at 856-0261 for details.

## Men's Friday Breakfast

The Men's Friday Breakfast meets at 7:00 am every Friday at Joe's Grill on Juan Tabo & Candelaria. Call David Harstad (298-6551) for information.



## Promise Keepers

This men's group meets every Saturday at 7:00 am in the Library for study and fellowship. The first Saturday each month we meet at 7:00 am at Weck's on Louisiana & Montgomery. Contact Tom Stewart at 792-1050 for more information.

*My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

*Luke 1:46-47*

## Thinking of You on Your Special Day

### May

**6** Rachel Richter, Barbara Spencer  
**7** Jeremy Sell, Lorna Woodward  
**8** Penny Rodney  
**9** Tracy Chambellan, Kristin Fox, Lisa Frankland, Bradley Gehrke, Dale Heincelman, Jr., Priscilla Jake, Alexandra Kirby  
**10** Steven Alderfer, Kristopher Kemper  
**11** Susan Bomberg, Justin Goodfellow, Haley Salinas, Brendan Sell, Henry Walters  
**12** Jason Kist, Wilma Lachmann, Kurt Lanes, John Liwski, Rita Peaslee, Nathan Pederson, Catherine Rose-Teel  
**13** Don Fisher, Reija Lynch, Barbara Pierce



**14** Kelly Brice, Sadie Faraone Dunn, Crystal Harris, Jeff Peterson, Brittany Rast, Tom Stewart, Lyle Whelchel  
**15** Melissa Bagby, Blaine Benson, Tyler Brackin, Amy De Rijk, Eric Harstad, Eleanor Johnson, Nancy Lewin, Thomas Mehlhorn, Max Strack  
**16** Kristin Brown, Scott Goehring, George Novotny, Valerie Piper, Kent Wilson  
**17** David Bagby, Deborah Elder, Earl Gale, Edna Geiszler, Jym Golden, Bryon Lupton, Shauna Lupton, Susan Thornton  
**18** Jeffrey Doll, Gerald Schultz, Sharon Warne  
**19** Christian Dahlquist, Chevelle Hernandez, Susan Porter, Megan Thompson, Shannon Weingard

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own understanding.  
Acknowledge Him in all your ways,  
and He will make your paths straight.*

*Proverbs 3:5,6 ~ NET Bible*

### Prayer Chain

Volunteers for this ministry respond to all prayer requests by praying for the names they receive. All names are confidential unless you request the name be published in the "Prayer Needs" list each Sunday.

### Contacts:

JoAnne Abbott 298-2039  
Barbara Peterson 898-6093  
or the church office 296-0762

The deadline to submit articles for the next Faith Alive is:  
8:00 am ~ Monday, May 7, 2007



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